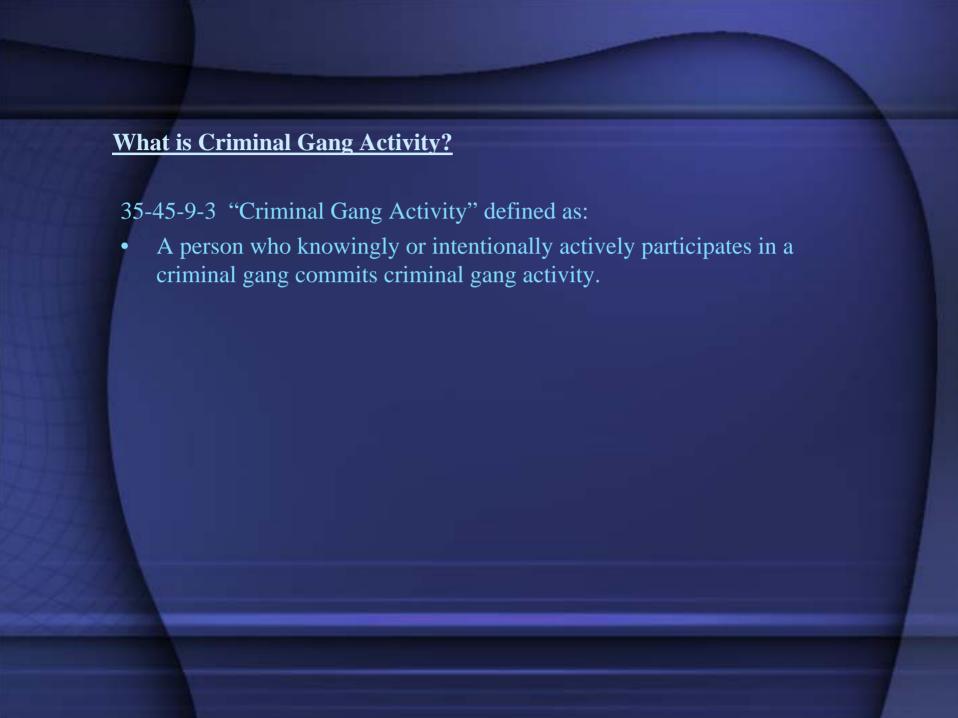


What is a Criminal Gang?

35-45-9-1 "Criminal Gang" defined as:

- At least five or more persons that specifically participate in and require as a condition of membership to commit a felony which share a common:
 - Symbol
 - Name
 - Sign

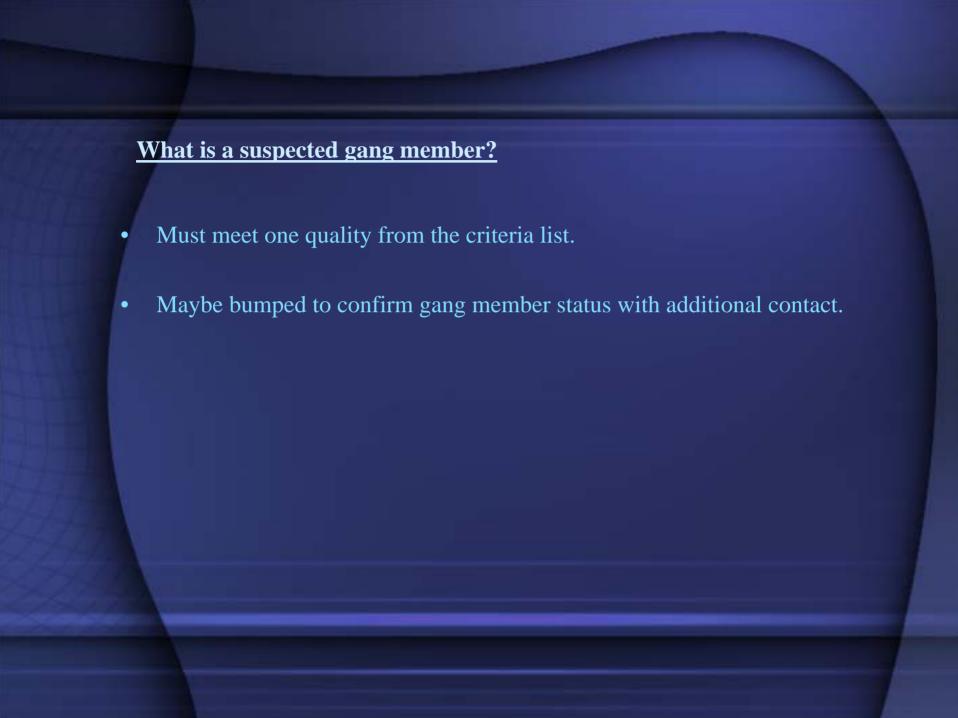
That engage in criminal activity.



What is a confirmed gang member?

Must meet at least three of the following criteria:

- Admits gang affiliation
- Has gang related tattoos
- Wears gang colors
- Identified by other affiliates
- Writes about affiliation
- Photographed with affiliates
- Associates with known members
- Has family members affiliated with a gang



What makes one join a gang?

Family motives for joining:

- Stressful family life at home
- Lack of parental involvement
- Low or non-existent expectations from parents
- Limited English speaking households
- Abuse or neglect
- Permissive truancy attitudes

What makes one join a gang (cont.)?

Personal motives for joining:

- Low motivation
- Low educational/occupational expectations
- Low self-esteem
- Behavior/discipline problems
- Drug abuse
- Peer pressure
- Protection
- Negative police involvement
- Glamorization by media (Fashion, music, T.V., etc.)

What family vs. gang has to offer

VS.

Family

Food

Clothing

Love

Shelter

Discipline

Belonging

Status

Gang

Food

Clothing

Love

Shelter

Discipline

Belonging

Status

Power

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Drugs

Guns

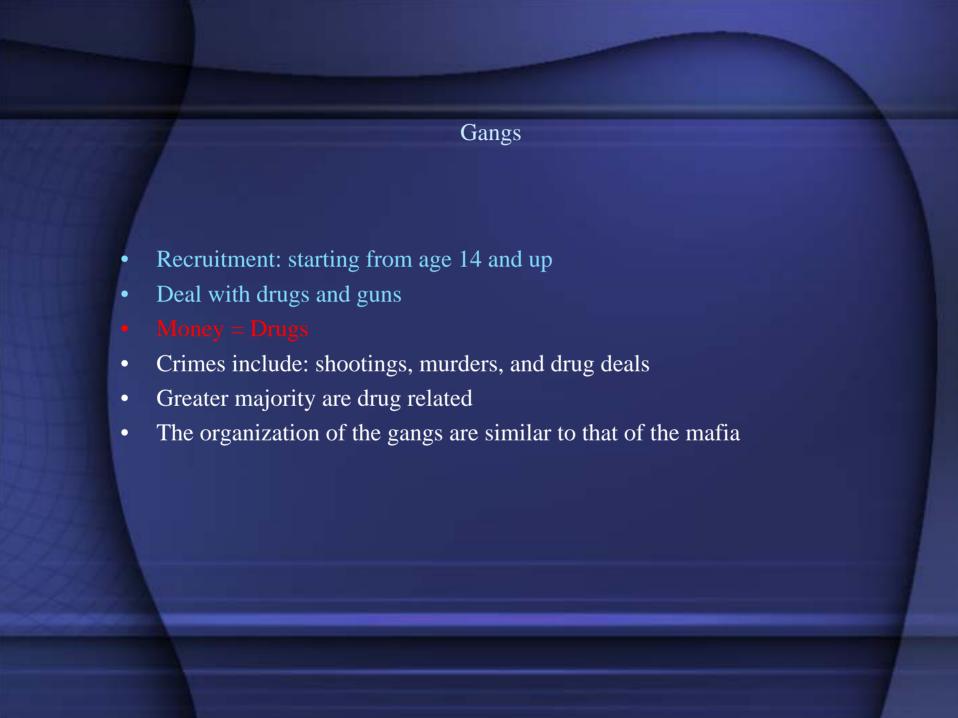


- Majority of gang members are juveniles.
- Gang related crimes are gang against gang.
- All gangs are "Turf" oriented.
- Females are not allowed to join gangs.
- "The cure" to gang membership is imprisonment.
- Gangs are a law enforcement problem.

"Clues" Changes in behavior Poor academic progress Lack of interest in extracurricular activities Unexplained truancies Resentment towards authority Signs of alcohol/drug abuse Change in clothing/friends Gang oriented drawings in books, clothing, body, etc.

Left and Right Rule Left Rule People Everything to the left side of the body Hats and belts to the left Rolled up left pant leg Five pointed star or crown Hate "Folks"

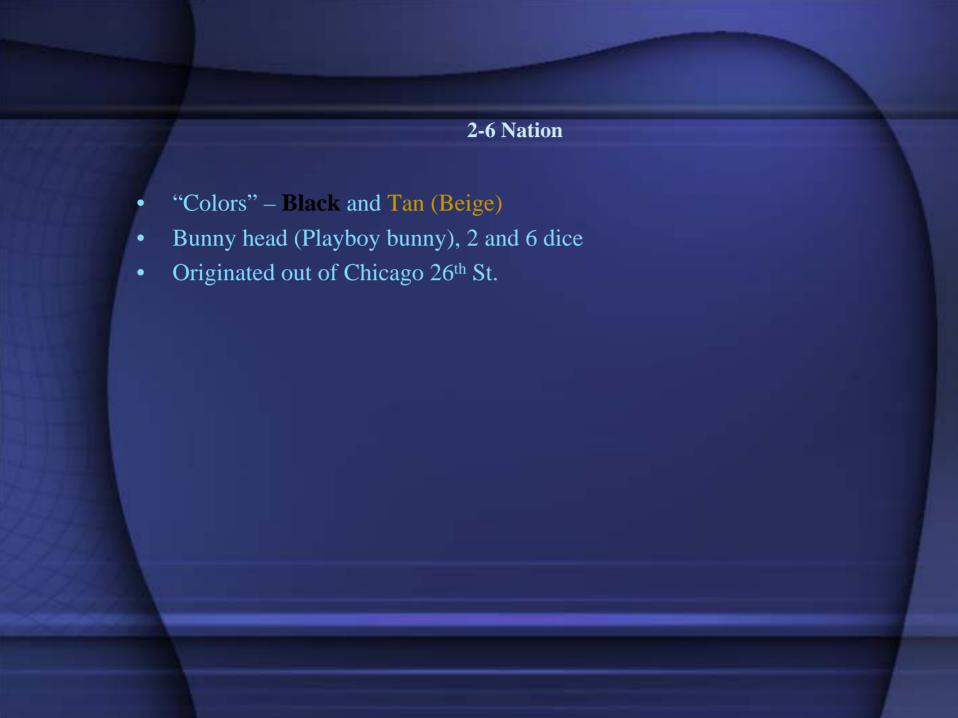


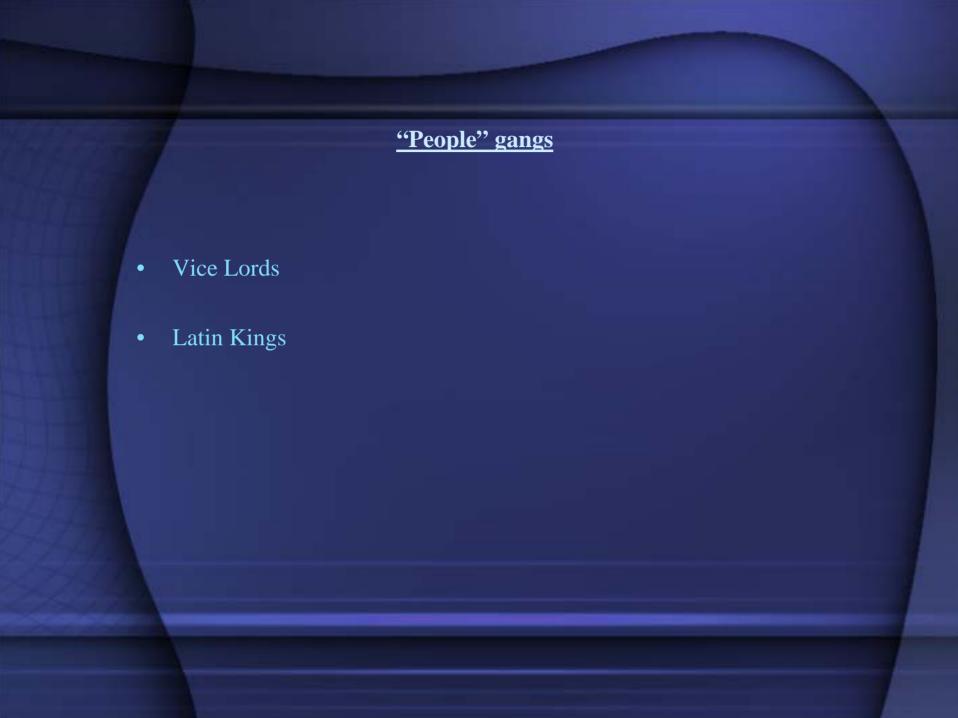


Folk gangs Imperial gangsters (IG) Spanish gangster disciples (SGD) Black gangster disciples (BGD) Two – Six Nation (2 – 6N)



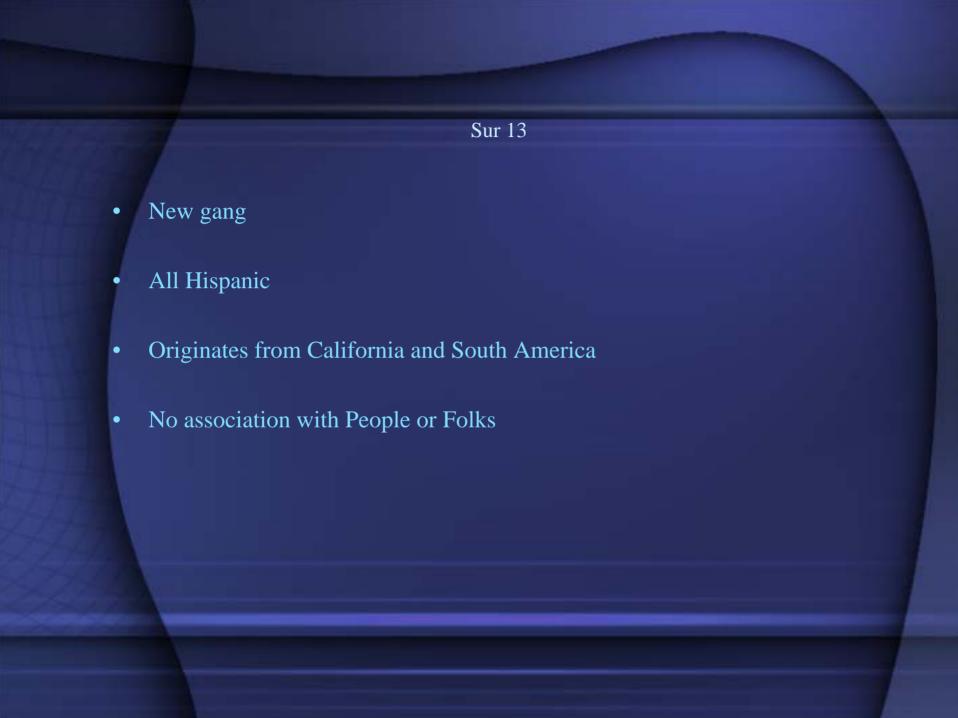












Organization of gang member Hardcore Regular members Futures, associates, and "wannabe's" Potential "could be's"

Combating gang influence

- 1. Develop good communication with your student or child
- 2. Spend time with the child
- 3. Occupy the child's free time
- 4. Set limits
- 5. Set curfews
- 6. Discourage children from hanging around gangs
- 7. Don't buy and discourage the use of gang style clothing
- 8. Don't allow the writing of gang symbols
- 9. Learn more about drugs and gang activity
- 10. Participate in school or community activities

